

ESPAÑE, CHASED,
OUTWITS RAIDER

Liner's Zigzag Drops Mys-
terious Foe Astern in
Night Race

TUSCANIA, WARNED,
QUITS SEA LANES

Menace of German Rovers
Causes Extra Precau-
tion on Boats

Additional proof was furnished yesterday of the presence of one or more German raiders in the North Atlantic. Passengers arriving on the French liner Espagne, from Bordeaux, told of seeing a ship corresponding to the raider's description in the Bay of Biscay, while incoming travellers on the Tuscania, of the Anchor Line, told of making a wide detour south to avoid regular shipping lanes.

When the Espagne was one day out a party had gathered in the café shortly before midnight to celebrate "Revelion" on Christmas Eve. These persons said that just as the ship's bells announced midnight the boat entered hurriedly and announced to three ship's officers who were present that a suspicious craft had been sighted a quarter of a mile distant off the starboard bow.

Every one dropped his champagne glass, raised an instant previously to toasting of Christmas and the Allied victory, and hastened on deck. They told yesterday of seeing a vessel headed toward the Espagne, having no lights or other distinguishing marks. Meanwhile the stewards had gone through the cabins and saloons and extinguished all lights, including the red and green running lights. Not so much as a cigar or cigarette glowed on deck.

The Espagne immediately changed her course, and the whole ship trembled as the engines were placed under forced draft. "We seemed almost to leap out of the water," one of the women said. "For more than an hour we followed a zigzag course, each time turning almost in semi-circles. As we watched, the 'ship of mystery' gradually was lost astern."

Captain Jacques Rollin, commander of the Espagne, said: "I have no means of knowing whether or not it was the raider, about which we have received daily wireless messages. I merely did what any other captain would have done to safeguard the lives of his passengers."

Added precautions are taken on all French liners to insure all passengers knowing their places in the lifeboats should occasion arise to abandon ship. In addition to each passenger receiving a card showing his seat in the lifeboat, lifeboat plans showing the location of each boat and each passenger's appointed seat are posted in the main companionway and at the entrance to the dining saloon and cafe.

Captain Robert McLean of the Lusitania admitted having received wireless warnings to be on the lookout for a German raider. Passengers said that the ship followed a course much further south than customary. Until two days ago they enjoyed exceedingly warm weather. Contrary to custom, no chart with the ship's position was posted for the passengers' benefit, nor were the ship's daily runs made public.

ROOSEVELT CALLS
NOTE "IMMORAL"

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seems to be more design than usual in the change of mind, for while neither the dream nor the two interpretations thereof had the slightest effect in securing peace in Europe, they had an extraordinary effect upon the stock market in New York, and to judge by what I read in the papers, the net effect is, and the only net effect of this supposed action for peace was, to ruin an immense number of small investors who were not forewarned and for the benefit of a very few persons, who, if they did not know of these events prior to their publication for the information of the public, then certainly they were inspired by prophetic insight concerning the handling of our foreign affairs.

Tip Called "Morally Certain"

"The statements published in the press of what occurred on the stock market make it morally certain that, somehow or in some way, somebody had advance information."

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mittee to deny facts thus apparent on their face, but the committee can render a great service if it follows Mr. Gardner's lead and takes steps which will prevent the future hitching up of contradictory manifestos about our foreign policies with the manipulations of the stock market. When the President's policy on vital matters is both so suddenly announced and so wrapped in a fog of obscurity, that his own Secretary of State interprets it in two different ways within six hours, the only people who can possibly benefit are the biggest and the most conscientious stock gamblers, and this fact might as well be understood.

"As for Senator Lodge's speech, all persons interested in the present mis-handling of our foreign affairs would find it more profitable to study the foreign policy of the manipulations of the stock market. When the President's policy on vital matters is both so suddenly announced and so wrapped in a fog of obscurity, that his own Secretary of State interprets it in two different ways within six hours, the only people who can possibly benefit are the biggest and the most conscientious stock gamblers, and this fact might as well be understood."

"The note takes a position so profoundly unnatural and misleading that high minded and right thinking Americans whose country this note places in a thoroughly false position are in honor bound to protest."

"For example, the note says that both sides are fighting for the same thing. This is palpably false."

"Nor is this all."

"It is wickedly false to say that the Germans who have trampled Belgium under heel and are at this moment transporting 100,000 Belgians to serve as state slaves in Germany are fighting for the same things as their hunted victims, the Belgians, who have fought only for their country and their hearthstones, their wives—it is not only a falsehood, but a callous and most immoral falsehood—a thing shocking to all right minded men who love the peace of righteousness."

"Elsewhere the President says that at some unmentioned date in the future the American people intend to safeguard the rights of small nationalities against big and ruthless ones which assail them. Unless this is sheer hypocrisy, let the President begin now, and in such case let him promptly withdraw the note, which has been comfort only to the oppressors of Belgium, and in which he has not dared to say one word on behalf of the rights of Belgium."

Ridicules Wilson's Stand
"But perhaps the most preposterous absurdity in the note is the statement that the United States is ready and eager to guarantee the peace of the world. The spectacle of the President trying, by the aid of Messrs. Daniels and Baker, to guarantee the peace of any nation under the sun against a single and resolute foe is as comic as anything ever written by Artemus Ward. If his words mean anything they would mean that hereafter we intend to embark on a policy of violent meddling in every European quarrel, and, in return, invite Old World nations to meddle in everything American."

But, of course, as a matter of fact, his words mean nothing whatever. "Mr. Wilson pompously announces that we are to use military service as our command to secure the future peace of the world, and at this very time, after three years of effort, he is helplessly unable to secure peace in that part of the world adjoining us which is called Mexico. The President is nervously backing away from Mr. Carranza and he is engaged in finding new excuses for not securing peace in Mexico at the very time that he is fulminating those vague threats and inciting these vague promises in reference to the formidable military powers who are engaged in their gigantic death wrestle across the seas."

"Let the President keep the promise we made in The Hague conventions, and let him bend all his energies to secure the ideal of universal, obligatory military training—military service for our young men—before, in the interests of the nation that has wronged Belgium and has murdered our citizens on the high seas by the hundreds, he makes promises which he could not fulfill and fulminates threats which, when his own Secretary of State takes them seriously, so frightens Wall Street that the same Secretary of State is forced immediately to announce that his interpretation was mistaken, and that, after all, the same threats are to be interpreted in a strictly Pickwickian sense."

WOMAN ASSAILED
IN ARMY SCANDAL

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ans's letters—was calculated to bring him and the administration at the War Office into disrepute. We feel obliged to record our opinion that this lady's conduct, as revealed in this case, has been highly discreditable both in her behavior toward Second Lieutenant Barrett before his letter of the 14th of February, and in her vindictive attempts to injure him afterward, and in

"Monk" Sees Love Plot
In Murder of Rasputin

Illdor Tells How Czar's Adviser Sought to Divide
Princely House Where, Report Says, He Met
Death—Declares War Will Continue

Illdor, the "Mad Monk," whose power in the palace of the Czar once threatened the supremacy of the mighty Rasputin, added an exotic sequel to the Arabian Nights Entertainment yesterday to account for the assassination of the rival priest who drove him into exile.

Scheherazade, with her head at stake, would have been put to it to find more engrossing material for a thousand and second tale than that which Illdor drew from his memory of the not distant days when it was his privilege and habit to address the Little Father as "My son."

The Sultan to whom the story was addressed were several reporters who had found the "Mad Monk" in the office of "The Day"—a Jewish newspaper published at 183 East Broadway. To "The Day," the fallen favorite of the Russian court, now dependent for his bread on his ability to retail the experiences of his exalted years, and ready for an adventure in the movies, has sold a series of articles.

News of the passing of Rasputin found Illdor in no pious mood. He had no prayer to offer save one of thanksgiving.

His comment, spoken in Russian and translated by a bespectacled interpreter drafted from "The Day's" editorial staff, was:

"It is good. My countrymen may breathe again."

Believes Story of Death

The "Mad Monk" had no doubt the cable dispatches telling of Rasputin's death were reliable. It was when he was pressed for an explanation of his readiness to accept the news that he told what the Vizier's Daughter might have called "The Story of the Prince, the Princess and the Woman Who Never Lost Hope."

This narrative came not in the free

and uninterrupted style which kept Scheherazade and body joined. But that was the fault of the linguistic inadequacy of the hearers.

"He says," spoke the interpreter, after Illdor had murmured a few words, "that the name of Prince Yusupoff Sumorokoff, as mentioned in the cables, means much to him; that it tells the whole story." It was this palace of Prince Yusupoff, according to the cables, that Rasputin killed.

A delay followed. Illdor had suddenly bethought him there might be a secret agent of some unfriendly power in the circle of listeners, and the reporters were called upon to show the identification cards issued to them by the Police Department.

The "Mad Monk," above medium height, solidly built and long-haired, stood stroking his little black goatee while the integrity of the press was being investigated. Once his misgivings were banished the story flowed as easily as the circumstances of the telling permitted. Pieced together, it was this:

"In what I am to relate many persons are entangled—Rasputin, Prince Felix Sumorokoff, Erina Alexandrovna, his wife, who is the daughter of the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch; Lachina, the court lady; Maria Holovina, a niece of the wife of the Grand Duke Paulo Alexandrovitch, who is the uncle of the Czar, and then myself."

Women in Case

"You note there are women mentioned. So the assassination, you may guess, was not entirely a matter of politics."

Maria Holovina for long loved Prince Felix, and was loved in return. The family of the prince, by the way, is the richest in Russia—richer even than that of Nicholas.

"Holovina's love survived the marriage of Prince Felix to another. It was too great a love to despair of achieving its object."

"For long I had held the confidence of Holovina. She had talked to me not

stance Edwin, was married to the second Duke of Westminster in 1901.

Field Marshal Viscount French, whose name is mentioned in connection with the investigation, was at one time in command of the British forces in France. He was succeeded in that command by General Sir Douglas Haig in December, 1915, and appointed commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom.

In the House of Lords in November, 1915, Lord St. David's charged incompetence and neglect of work against the British staff in France. He asserted that men had been added to the staff for no military reason, and that women, according to the report, had visited the British headquarters in France. He asked whether the government defended the presence of women there.

Lord Crewe, in defending Field Marshal French at the time, said it was extremely unlikely that he would submit to having persons forced upon his personal staff. He added that he had no hesitation in saying that unless women had business at headquarters they ought not to go there.

Lieutenant General Sir John Stevens, a member of the Army Council and is quartermaster general to the forces.

Lieutenant General Sir William Pitt-Rivers is general officer commanding-in-chief, Southern command, to which he was appointed in 1914.

Chief Figures in Scandal
Stirring the British Army

Mrs. Cornwallis-West is the eldest daughter of the Rev. Frederick Fitzpatrick and Lady Olivia, who was a daughter of the second Marquis of Headfort. She was married in 1872 to William Cornwallis-West, of Ruthin Castle, County Denbigh, who has been Lord-Lieutenant of Denbighshire since 1872 and is honorary colonel of the 4th Battalion of Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Their son, George Frederick Myddleton, married in 1900 Jennie, widow of Lord Randolph Churchill and daughter of Leonard Jerome, of New York. Lady Randolph Churchill is the mother of Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly First Lord of the Admiralty.

She divorced George Cornwallis-West in 1914, whereupon he married Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the actress.

One of the daughters of William Cornwallis-West, Mary Theresa Olivia, was married in 1891 to Prince Hans Heinrich of Prussia. The other, Con-

only as a priest and confessor, but as a friend. Her heart was bared to me. I begged her to try to forget the Prince, since he had chosen another, and thought I had succeeded in reconciling her.

"Lachina, who was even closer to me—it is she, indeed, who to this day keeps me in touch with affairs of the court—showed me a letter written to her by Holovina after the last of our talks.

"I have been deprived of my treasure," Holovina told Lachina, "but I hope that with the aid of Rasputin my sufferings will soon be at an end."

"In some ways Rasputin was almost more than a man. He had a way of playing with the minds and emotions

of others, by his whisperings and intrigues making matches where no affection had existed, and by the same means extinguishing love flames where marriages inimical to his interests threatened.

"Thus as the champion of Holovina, Rasputin set about to make a breach between Prince Felix and his princess. He went to their castle, and his lips were to the ear of Felix and to the ear of Erina.

"For three years, to my knowledge, this has gone on. Inevitably Rasputin would have accomplished his end had he lived, for he was one who never failed. But there was a greater inevitability, and it has come about."

"Would you say, hearing this, that Rasputin had died for his politics?"

The "Mad Monk" said he believed that except for the assassination of Rasputin Russia soon would have concluded a separate peace with the Central Powers.

"It was he who started the Great War, and he would have ended my country's participation in it," he added. "But now Russia will fight to the end with the Entente Allies."

It was Rasputin, the "Mad Monk" asserted, who was responsible for the sobriquet which he still carries.

"There was no easier way of ridding himself of me," he said. "There is a French proverb, you know, which says, 'If you want a dog killed, tell the people he is mad.'"

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